

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 Architectures and methods architectures for providing real-time cost
information to communications applications, for example for transactions
conducted by mobile wireless communications devices before the transaction is
conducted. In one embodiment a communication transaction is selected at user
equipment (UE) (302), a transaction cost request is communicated (304) from the
application is to a communication server (306). In response, the server
communicates (308) a firm or estimated cost to the UE. The cost may be based on
10 subscription profile information obtained (312) from a source (314) and/or from
information obtained (316) from a content provider (317). In some embodiments,
the UE accepts or declines to conduct the transaction based on the cost.